प्रतिशतता इस प्रकार है :

हिन्दी . . .	40.4
अंग्रेजी . . .	33.4
अन्य भारतीय भाषाएं . .	26.2

चूंकि देश में ऐसे आकाशवाणी केन्द्रों की संख्या बहुत अधिक है, जहां से विभिन्न भाषाओं में कार्यक्रम प्रसारित किए जाते हैं, अतः एक स्थान पर इस प्रकार की सूचना नहीं रखी जाती।

(ख) जी, हां।

(ग) वर्ष 1990 के दौरान संस्कृत में दूरदर्शन से लगभग 23 घंटे के तथा आकाशवाणी से लगभग 400 घंटे के कार्यक्रम प्रसारित किए गए।

(घ) यद्यपि, आकाशवाणी और दूरदर्शन द्वारा केवल सम्प्रेषण की दृष्टि से विभिन्न भाषाओं और बोलियों में कार्यक्रम प्रसारित किए जाते हैं तथापि यह सही है कि इन माध्यमों द्वारा संस्कृत में कार्यक्रम प्रसारित किए जाने से श्रोताओं/दर्शकों में इस भाषा के बारे में रुचि बढ़ेगी।

(ङ) जी, नहीं।

(च) यह सवाल पैदा ही नहीं होता।

Thorium deposits in Kerala

*117. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are vast deposits of Thorium on the sea beaches of Kerala; and

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to utilise this rescource?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI MARGARET ALVA): (a) and (b) It is well known that thorium as a part of monozite is found in the beach sands of Kerala. The Indian Rare Earths (IRE) and other companies process the sand for extraction of ilmenite and rutile and other by products for export. The thorium component of sand is processed by the plant of the Indian Rare Earths Limited at Alwaye and stored for future use in the atomic energy programme. Large scale use of thorium however, requires introduction of fast reactors to sifinificantly use thoroium for energy production. This also requires initial inventory of plutonium which will be provided by the pressurised heavy water reactors under operation and construction in this decade. It is likely that significant quantity of thorium will be used for energy production in the early part of the next century.

Setting up of a Fertilizer Plant at Babrala (U.P.)

*118. DR. Z. A. AHMAD:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been inordinate delay in setting up the proposed fertilizer plant at Babrala in Uttar Pradesh which was to be implemented by Tata Chemicals Limited (TCL);

(b) if so, the details and reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps are being taken by Government for the early completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The delays are primarly attributable to the promoter who took about 3 years to finalise the product pattern and the company which would implement the project. There were also some delays in giving Government clearances needed for impiementing the project;

(c) All clearances have since been given and the promoters aked to expedite

implementation. The progress is being monitored closely.

Implementation of recommendations of Wage Board by Newspaper Managements

*119. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any review has recently been undertaken by Government to find out the number of such newspaper managements who are dithering in the implementation of the Award/Recommendations made by the Bachawat Wage Board; and

(b) if so, the number of such managements and action taken or proposed to be taken by Government against such establishments?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) As per the latest information available from the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations, out of 1670 newspaper establishments, so far 556 managements have fully implemented the Bharhawat Wage Boards recommendations. Another 49 have reportedly partially implemented the recommendations. The State Governments have been addressed from time to time to take appropriate steps to ensure implementation of the recommendation of the Bachawat Wage Boards.

23 writ petitions are also presently filed in the Supreme Court by the newspaper managements, challenging the recommendations of the Bachawat Wage Boards and the notifications issued by the Government regarding these recommendations. The Supreme Court in their interim order dated 30.1.90 had odered that no prosecution shall be launched till the petitions are disposed of. The matter continues to be subjudice.

In respect of offences under the Working journalists & Other Newspaper Employees (Conditions of Service) and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1955 the roncerned persons, can also the complaints in court against the establishment concerned of Act.

The State Governments and Union Territory Administrations were requested to intimate the total number of complaints/claims filed before the competent authority for non-payment/less payment of the allowances as per Bachawat Wage Boards recommendations. The State Governments of Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Pondicherry have replied that no such complaint/claim are pending with them. Other States have not sent any reply in this regard.

Meeting of Civil Supplies Ministers of States on PDS

*120. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Prime Minister had a meeting with the Civil Supplies Ministers of various States on 3rd October, 1991, to take stock of the steps taken for extension of Public Distribution System to the designated remote and tribal areas;

(b) if so, the States which were represented at the meeting and what were the designated remote and tribal areas considered for Public Distribution System; and

(c) whether any drawbacks in the working of the system were noted at the meeting, if so, the steps taken to remove the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) to (c) The Prime Minister had a meeting with the Civil Supplies Ministers of various States on 3rd October, 1991 to take stock of the steps taken on implementing the decisions taken in the 13th Meeting of the Advisory Council on Public Distribution System held in August, 1991 to